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Q. There are reports that the Rwandan Government set up plans to kill all the Tutsis long ago. Is that true?

A. -- WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

THERE WERE REPORTS PRIOR TO ONSET OF THE CURRENT CRISIS THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S POLITICAL PARTY, THE MRND, AND THE EXTREMIST HUTU CDR PARTY WERE ARMING AND TRAINING PARTY MILITIAS. WE RAISED OUR CONCERNs ABOUT THESE REPORTS WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND OTHER OFFICIALS, BUT THEY DENIED ANY WRONGDOING.

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